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Applicant: Nagaoka
Group Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: Jeffrey Mullis
Title: Biodegradable Formable Filament Nonwoven Fabric and
Method of Producing the Same
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is Applicants' reply to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2001, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is due to expire on November 20, 2001. Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response. The petition and fee are attached. With a one-month extension, reply is timely on or before December 20, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.